



## Council to review Transit Center recommendation

After three public hearings and more than 11 hours of staff presentation and public testimony, the Planning Commission adopted the City staff and Milwaukie Working Group recommendation to relocate the Transit Center and any future light rail facilities to a site near Kellogg Lake.

The Planning Commission delivered its 6-1 decision at its April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. City Council will review the recommendation at Council's regularly scheduled May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. The meeting will begin a half hour early, at 6 p.m., with the Transit Center hearing to begin at about 6:30 p.m.

The Working Group, comprised of Neighborhood Leaders, downtown business representatives, North Industrial landowners, and staff from the City, TriMet, ODOT and Metro,

had met for six months before delivering its recommendation.

If approved, Phase I of the project, projected for 2006, would include the relocation of the Downtown Transit Center to the Kellogg site, a pair of McLoughlin intersection improvements and a pair of new bus shelters and related street improvements outside City Hall.

Phase II, forecasted around 2010, would expand the Kellogg facility to include a 49-foot tall, 580-space Park & Ride structure and bring light rail into the site from Downtown. Pedestrian bridges from the site to Downtown and the Riverfront would also be constructed. Phase II may depend on a regional vote to secure the needed funding. ☐

## Study looks at Kellogg's future

A yearlong study examining how wastewater treatment can be best provided to the citizens and businesses of North Clackamas County lays out five options for consideration, three of which call for the decommissioning of Milwaukie's Kellogg Sewage Treatment Plant.

The five alternatives represent a combination of maintaining the area's three treatment plants, combining, expanding and rerouting flows among the existing facilities and decommissioning and consolidating into a single plant.

With the five alternatives on the table Clackamas County's Water Environment Services (WES) will initiate an outreach strategy that educates the elected officials and citizens of the area's jurisdictions on the pros and cons of each strategy. WES will be visiting Milwaukie's Neighborhood Associations, check fu-

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### Milwaukie's Local Leaders

## Helping Milwaukie grow

Gary Nebergall has been in the tree business for 26 years, and he's been a friend of Councilor Joe Loomis even before the days they coached their sons in tee-ball. One day Gary called Councilor Loomis and told him that many of the City's trees were in rough shape — and that's putting Gary's words mildly.

Gary makes it perfectly clear he wasn't soliciting any work and explains he has no intent of doing so. He's interested in improving the stock of his City's trees.

He's lived in Milwaukie all of his adult life and lives in an Ardenwald Neighborhood home that's right next door to the one his wife was born in.

"This is my home," Gary said. "I enjoy interacting with people, people with the City. If I can walk around with people from the City and make some positive changes then I'm all for it."

That's exactly what Gary has been doing. He's been volunteering his professional services by working with City crews in identifying trees throughout town that present public dangers and has walked Downtown streets pointing out trees that are suffering from poor maintenance.

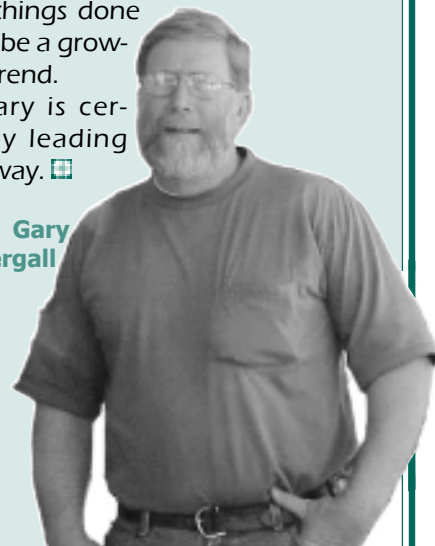
When Milwaukie hires its summer crew members Gary is going to train them tree pruning and maintenance techniques so the City can care for its own trees rather than having to turn elsewhere to contract those services.

Gary also has plans of working with the City and donating one of his crews at City Wide Tree Service for a Riverfront Work Party to prune trees and open up views along the Willamette.

Gary says private interests working with government agencies in order to get things done may be a growing trend.

Gary is certainly leading the way. ☐

Gary Nebergall



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## Making decisions that last a lifetime

To contact Councilor Deborah Barnes, call (503) 786-7513 or send an email to [barnesd@ci.milwaukie.or.us](mailto:barnesd@ci.milwaukie.or.us).



It's tough enough trying to balance the family budget. Let's face it times are tough. Our economy is not recovering quickly enough. As families, we have to make some tough decisions.

We often face the choice of doing without, finding a second (or third) job to bring in more money, or we might turn to family and friends for help. It's similar, in many ways, to what your City leaders are being asked to do.

Our City budget must be balanced with yet another revenue shortfall. We face decisions on how to best pay for the removal of the wastewater treatment facility to open up economic development opportunities for our Riverfront. We face a divided constituency regarding the location of a Transit Center. We will be voting on a possible increase to your sewer rates. And, the list goes on.

Milwaukie has formed a new economic development team. Our group will meet for the first time in May.

As the Council representative to that team, I am hopeful we will persuade additional employers to bring extra family-wage jobs to the City. Those employers bring opportunities with added revenue and better economic security to our City and our residents.

We don't want to lose our small town charm. We do, however, need to find ways to generate a better tax base for our City. This is a moment of opportunity for Milwaukie.

The challenges are great but the rewards will last a lifetime. ■

## Support senior services

Are you interested in the programs and services our community provides for older adults and those with disabilities?

If you are, please consider serving as a member of the Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board! The Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Milwaukie City Council, the District Parks Advisory Board and the Milwaukie Center staff regarding programs and policy.

Please contact Joan Young, Center Director, at (503) 653-8100 for more information. ■

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ture editions of *The Pilot* for further details.

The objective is to reach region-wide consensus by the end of the year, for if growth should continue as predicted, the current three plant system will run out of capacity in 24 months.

For more information, please call Engineering Director Paul Shirey at (503) 786-7601. ■

## Court web site full of info

Have you received a traffic citation in Milwaukie? Hopefully, the answer is "no", but, if you have, there's a new source of information that's at your fingertips 24/7.

By visiting the City's website [www.cityofmilwaukie.org](http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org) you can access the Municipal Court web page. It has a tremendous amount of information that answers questions you may have about your traffic, parking, or code violation citation, as well as general questions about Milwaukie Municipal Court.

You can find the answers to questions such as how to read your citation, what your options are once you've received a citation, hours of operation, and also information about the fines themselves. For example, there's an example of a fine that shows how assessments are added and where those monies go, one of Court's most frequently asked questions.

Even if you haven't received a citation in Milwaukie, the web page is a great source of information — so check it out! ■

## Recycle your computer

Keep environmentally damaging computer equipment out of landfills by bringing old computers, monitors, printers, modems, hard drives and cables to a computer recycling event set for Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Clackamas Community College (19600 S. Molalla Ave., Oregon City, follow signs to Barlow parking lot).

The Recycling Fee is \$10 per car, which includes one monitor. The fee for additional monitors is \$8 each. Please do not bring any manuals, boxes, foam packing, mice, disks or software, and keep in mind credit or debit cards will not be accepted.

For more information, please call Clackamas County at (503) 353-4463. ■



## Shape City's future

The Planning Commission currently has a vacancy and is looking for dedicated citizens interested in making decisions that will help determine how our City grows.

The seven-member Planning Commission is appointed to four year terms and meets twice a month. For more information, contact City Recorder Pat DuVal at (503) 786-7502. ■

## Council to review Budget

The Budget Committee is expected to recommend a balanced budget at its May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers.

City Council is slated to adopt the balanced budget for fiscal year 2004-05 at its regularly scheduled meeting of June 15<sup>th</sup>. Public comment is encouraged at both meetings.

To review the budget and the City Manager's Budget Message explaining his fiscal policies, log onto the City's website or phone (503) 786-7502 for more information. ■

## Hit center stage

Open auditions for several roles in three one-act plays to be presented in July will be held by The New Century Players Monday and Tuesday evenings, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Auditions will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. each night, at the North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce offices, 7740 SE Harmony Road.

The Players, a newly formed community theater group in the greater Milwaukie area, are looking for nine actors for a variety of roles, for both men and women, with ages ranging from teens on up.

Membership meetings of any interested person will be the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m., in the Black Box Theater, Room A-11, at Milwaukie High School. Anyone with an interest in assisting in any way is invited to attend.

For additional general information contact Wilda Parks at 503-654-7777.

## North Main Open House set

An Open House displaying preliminary designs for the three buildings that will inhabit the old Safeway parking lot as the North Main Project is set for May 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Public Safety Building from 6 to 8 p.m.

While the artistic renderings and site plans will not portray final design, they will illustrate the kinds of materials to be used and the feel of the project's overall design.

As of now, "Building A" features 56 apartments with ground floor parking. "Building B", sited along Main

Street, features ground floor retail and will have about 21 town house condominiums for sale. "Building C" is actually a pair of buildings along Harrison containing 10 to 11 row houses.

Project Manager Jeff King says the project will have a "village feel" with an emphasis on pedestrian access. A key feature is a walkway between "Building B" and the Masonic Lodge that extends to the Library.

Jeff expects the permits to be obtained this winter and construction to begin in the Spring of '05.



Draft design of Building B

## Library wins state award for childrens' program

In 2002-03 the Oregon State Library awarded grant money for 105 special projects aiming to improve library services for children.

The Ledding Library was the proud owner of one of those projects, and is even more proud to announce its program was one of only five to be selected by the state as an "Outstanding Project."

Using their \$4,491 "Ready to Read

Grant" the library staff purchased materials for the storytelling collection, added Spanish and Russian language titles to their collection and provided a series of programs for parents and infants that included give away books and lists of library resources available to borrow.

The language collections allow children and parents to build literacy in their primary language which forms a foun-

dation for literacy in English and the parent/infant programs provide a model for parents about the importance of beginning early using language and literacy activities with their children.

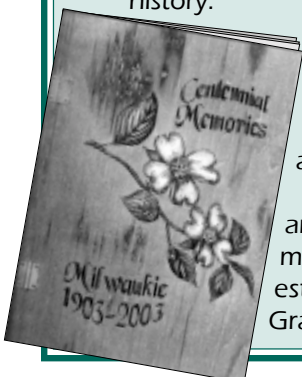
The Ledding Library maintains great programs such as these for patrons young and old, so if you haven't visited, drop in and see all the Ledding Library has to offer.

## Unlock City history

If you have an interest of history, and more specifically, the history of Milwaukie, you will want to track down a copy of "Centennial Memories," a stunning 160-page collection of stories, photos and archived information chronicling nearly every aspect of Milwaukie's history.

Photos reaching back as far as the turn of the century reveal a Dance Hall on Elk Rock Island, a blacksmith shop on McLoughlin and much, much more.

These books are for sale for \$20, and the City is trying to figure how many copies to print. If you're interested, call Information Coordinator Grady Wheeler at (503) 786-7503.



## Buy bins at great price

May 15 & 22 are the only Saturdays in 2004 to purchase a compost bin at Metro's special price of \$25. Recycle grass clippings, leaves, fruit and vegetable scraps into valuable compost for your garden. Experts will be on hand to answer your composting and natural gardening questions.

The closest Milwaukie events are on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9 a.m to 4 p.m. at Clackamas Community College, 19600 S. Molalla Ave., in Oregon City and Clackamas High School, 14486 SE 122<sup>nd</sup>, in Clackamas. For the other Bin Sale locations, call Metro at (503) 234-3000.

A compost bin is on display at City Hall and the Ledding Library until May 22. The Compost Bin Sale is sponsored by Metro, the City of Milwaukie, Clackamas County, and other local governments.







# AROUND TOWN

The Around Town section gives elected Neighborhood Leaders an opportunity to interpret issues facing their community as well as promote greater neighborhood involvement. As a result of this open forum the opinions presented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. The Pilot and its participating Neighborhood Officers welcome your feedback. Please see page 6 for contact information.

## LEWELLING

Written by **Art Ball**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **May 6, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Lewelling Elementary**

It has been five long years since the City purchased the parcel of land at Stanley and Willow for a future park.

A budget shortfall has deprived the City of any dollars for park development, so the Neighborhood has accepted the challenge of securing funding through whatever means available to commence building a park.

Although it is not physically apparent, thousands of dollars have been collected and spent on pre-construction necessities. Now is time to take the next step.

This fall water and sidewalks are scheduled for installation. This achievement places us in a position to receive grant monies to complete the park's construction. None of this could have been accomplished without the support of the City, City staff, NDA members and those of you who contributed in any way you could to help us reach this goal.

Cost of the sidewalks, water and half street improvements will be shared by the Neighborhood Association. The NDA's share amounts to approximately \$16,000. We are currently \$2,500 short but with your continued support we will attain the required funds. This is where the Neighborhood rummage sale comes into the equation. Saturday and Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, the Neighborhood will hold its Fourth Annual Rummage sale with all proceeds dedicated to park development. Once again we solicit your cooperation in making this a successful event. Remember this sale when you are doing your spring cleaning.

- **Place: Lewelling Elementary School, 53<sup>rd</sup> and Logus Rd.**
- **Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day**
- **For more information or for pickup of goods call: Art Ball (503) 786-4016; Jean Michel (503) 654-8379; Amy Hough (503) 513-5225.**

## HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by **David Aschenbrenner**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **May 10, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Hector Campbell Elementary**

Well Spring has sprung! I hope you get out and enjoy the weather. Our last Neighborhood meeting was well attended and lots of good information came out. We talked about Code Enforcement, parks, County Planning, Fire Safety and the CERT program along with the new community theater group, The New Century Players. It was a busy meeting. I have not confirmed a guest list for the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, so if you have ideas get them to me fast.

In Citywide news, the City Council is working on the 2004-05 budget and transit planning. The King Road redevelopment project continues at full speed. Homewood Park still needs volunteers to pull ivy. Contact Hector Campbell resi-

## LAKE ROAD

Written by **Bob Moore**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **May 12, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: **Clackamas ESD**

Several items of interest were presented at our meeting.

First, we learned we're going to save some money by not needing a building permit for Neighborhood sign placement. However, it will be on the City property and reviewed by our representatives of the City, our City Council.

This project has raised a list of questions that can serve the entire City. For example, what's the best way we and other Neighborhoods can participate with the City to enhance each Neighborhood by working on Neighborhood-identifying projects? How might this program be streamlined so the methods meet the opportunities provided by this

dent Sarah Smith if you can lend a hand in any of our Neighborhood parks.

Remember to cut your grass, trim your bushes and meet your neighbors. Our best first step to crime prevention is knowing our neighbors and getting involved.



**A cherry tree was brought down to make way for a path in Homewood Park.**

effort? What are the basic requirements to be met? What agencies will be involved? Will we standardize or will exceptions work?

Our group was challenged with a number of unforeseen obstacles, but we have been plugging along.

The other major item discussed at our April meeting was the relocation of our meeting to the Clackamas ESD building on Lake Road near 41<sup>st</sup> Court (on the north side). We also will meet at a new time of 6:30 p.m. and ending at 8 p.m. Please attend!



## AROUND TOWN

## ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by [Carlotta Collette](#), Chair

## NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: [May 11, 6:30 p.m.](#) • Where: [Ardenwald Elemen.](#)

At our April meeting, neighbors around the proposed site of a new Waldorf School kindergarten had an opportunity to listen to and comment on the school's plans.

There was some community support for the school, but a lot of concern about problems the school could cause for nearby residents. Key among those concerns was increased traffic – more than 100 new auto trips each day on 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, King Road and Harvey Street. Neighbors also questioned the need for a variance for a narrower driveway and the acceptable use of portions of the property. As I was writing this column, I heard that Milwaukie city planners listened to our concerns. They recommended that the planning commission deny the school's application for the site.

The election of Neighborhood officers will top the agenda at our May meeting. If you are interested in putting in a few extra hours helping the Ardenwald Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association keep this community a wonderful place to live, please consider running for one of several offices. At least come and vote your choices. We'll meet May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Ardenwald School library.

We'll also spend some time at that meeting planning our summer efforts. There's the reading program, August concert series, tour of historic homes, possible show and sale of art created by Neighborhood artists and students, and whatever else we come up with. Join us!

## LINWOOD

Written by [Wanda Drendel](#), CoChair

## NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: [May 13, 7 p.m.](#) • Where: [Linwood Elementary](#)

Attendance at our April meeting was dismal so we will reinstate Milwaukie Code Compliance Coordinator Steve Campbell to attend our May meeting so he can answer citizen

questions about vision obstructions, and other code-related issues. To draw attendance, we will offer pizza and soft drinks at the meeting, so please make a point to attend.

Rounding out our May meeting agenda, we will hold officer elections, and Milwaukie Project Manager Jeff King will be on hand to discuss the exciting North Main Project (page 3) that's taking place Downtown.

## HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by [Roger Cornell](#)

## NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: [May 10, 7 p.m.](#)

Where: [Milwaukie Elementary](#)

Not all Milwaukie's citizens are wildly enthusiastic about the 2.5 option to locate a 5 level 525 car parking structure and Transit Center on the banks of Kellogg Lake.

Many strongly feel that selecting this site is inconsistent with Milwaukie's livability, core values, planning efforts and is simply the wrong location.

Early in 2000 the Planning Commission and City Council adopted the

Milwaukie Downtown and Riverfront Land Use Framework Plan. This plan created a Framework and Vision for Downtown Milwaukie and the Riverfront. A blueprint of policies, plans and guiding principles was developed to make Milwaukie more livable and vital. We agreed that development should be consistent with our values and vision and should capitalize on Milwaukie's unique character and natural resources.

The plan states, "*Milwaukie is fortunate to have a setting that inspires its citizens, that offers history, beauty and vitality. The Willamette River, Johnson Creek, and Kellogg Creek all provide beautiful natural borders to the downtown area. The Milwaukie Downtown and Riverfront Framework capitalizes*

*on these natural resources, by restoring the creeks and connecting the river to the historic blocks of downtown. Thus both the town and the natural areas are reinvigorated.*"

The City Council must now ultimately decide whether the Kellogg Lake site supports the character, priorities and values of Milwaukie.

Public debate is healthy for shaping Milwaukie's future. I urge you to engage in the public process and make your desires known. Does sacrificing our natural resources at Kellogg Lake to locate a 5 level 525 car parking structure and Transit Center support our values and contribute to the livability and unique character of Milwaukie?

## ISLAND STATION

Written by [Lisa Batey](#)

## NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: [May 20, 6:30 p.m.](#) • Where: [Milwaukie Grange](#)

Sidewalks and curbs, a few renegade speed demons, and brainstorming Neighborhood improvement projects are just a few of the new topics discussed in recent meetings and likely to take center stage at upcoming meetings.

The common thread in these topics? Improving the quality of life in Island Station, by enhancing safety for children and pedestrians and encouraging a greater sense of neighborliness.

At our May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, in addition to officer elections, we will welcome Paul Shirey, Engineering Director for the City of Milwaukie, to talk about funding sidewalk and curb projects. If you have any opinions you'd like to share, or questions you'd like answered about getting sidewalks built in the Neighborhood, this is the meeting for you.

How to instill greater pride in the neighborhood – to increase communication among neighbors including welcoming new neighbors, to encourage better care of houses and yards, to deter vandalism (which is particularly problematic in Spring Park and Elk Rock Island), etc. – will also be a topic of further discussion in the May meeting. Some interest has been expressed in creating a Neighborhood improvement project or committee, so any residents with interest in these topics are also encouraged to attend the May meeting.

This is a great time to get involved in shaping the future of Island Station – we hope you will get involved!

# City Events Calendar

May 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>MCH - Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street                      PSB - Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison Street                      JCB - Public Works Building, 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.                      MC - Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive                      LED - Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Avenue</p>	<p><b>CITY OF MILWAUKIE</b></p>					<p><b>Saturday Music Program</b>                      Ledding Library                      2-3 p.m.                      Admission is free</p>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	<p>7:00pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (Milwaukie Elementary)                      7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (Campbell Elementary)</p>	<p>5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH)                      6:30pm City Council Regular Session (MCH)</p>	<p>6:00pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board (JCB)                      6:00pm Library Planning Comm. (PSB)</p>	7:00pm Lewelling NDA (Lewelling Elementary)	10:00am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC)	
16	10	11	<p>6:30pm Lake Road NDA (Clackamas ESD)  <b>North Main Project Open House</b>                      Public Safety Bldg.                      6 to 8 p.m.</p>	7:00pm Linwood NDA (Linwood Elementary)	14	15
30	31	18	19	20	21	22
<p><b>MILWAUKIE FARMERS MARKET BEGINS!</b>                      Across from City Hall                      9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p>	<p>6:00pm Budget Committee Hearing (MCH)</p>	<p>5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH)                      6:00pm City Council Regular Session, Transit Center Relocation Hearing (MCH)</p>		6:30pm Island Station NDA (Milwaukie Grange)		
<p><b>Milwaukie Farmers Market</b>                      Across from City Hall                      9:30 to 2 p.m.</p>	<p>6:30pm Ledding Library Board, (LED)</p>	<p>6:30pm Planning Commission (MCH)                      7:00pm Parks and Recreation Board (MCH)</p>	26	27	28	29

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

### ARDENWALD AND JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays  
 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary  
 Chair, Carlotta Collette, (503) 653-5771  
 email: carlottacollette@comcast.net

### HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays  
 7:00 p.m., Hector Campbell Elementary  
 Chair, David Aschenbrenner, (503) 654-4258  
 email: dlasch@comcast.net

### HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays  
 7:00 p.m., Milwaukie Elementary  
 Chair, Ed Zumwalt, (503) 654-2493  
 email: PEMCZUM@aol.com

### ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on third Thursdays  
 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange  
 Chair, Rick Farasy, (503) 786-2437

### LAKE ROAD

Meetings held on second Wednesdays  
**6:30 p.m., Clackamas ESD** NEW!  
 Chair, Bob Moore, (503) 794-2946

### LEWELLING

Meetings held on first Thursdays  
 6:30 p.m., Lewelling Elementary  
 Chair, Art Ball, (503) 786-4016

### LINWOOD

Meetings held on second Thursdays  
 6:30 p.m., Linwood Elementary  
 Chair, Dolly Macken Hambricht, (503) 659-8908

## Meeting Broadcast Information:

City Council Work Sessions: Channel 30  
 Tues., Thurs., Sat.: 10 a.m., 2 p.m.,  
 7 p.m., 2 a.m.

City Council Regular Sessions: Channel 30  
 Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri.: 6 a.m., 2 p.m.,  
 7 p.m., 12 a.m.

And when meetings aren't being rebroadcast, check out the City's Cable Information System

The City of Milwaukie looks forward to any questions or suggestions you might have. Please drop us a line or give us a call.



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